

REMARKS

Early consideration and allowance of the above-referenced patent application is respectfully requested.

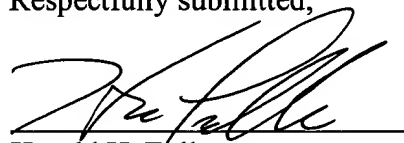
Claims 3-5 have been amended.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to otherwise conform with U.S. claim practice. No new matter has been entered. None of the amendments change the scope of any claim, nor are any amendments submitted for reasons of patentability.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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1. The first part of the book is a general introduction to the subject of the history of the United States, and is divided into three chapters. The first chapter is on the discovery of the continent, the second on the early settlement, and the third on the growth of the Union. The second part of the book is a detailed history of the United States, and is divided into two volumes. The first volume covers the period from the discovery of the continent to the end of the American Revolution, and the second volume covers the period from the end of the American Revolution to the present time. The third part of the book is a general conclusion to the history of the United States, and is divided into two chapters. The first chapter is on the present state of the Union, and the second chapter is on the future of the Union.

Claims 5-8 have been amended as follows:

3. (Amended) An easy open can end according to claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the aspect ratio of the opening is about 1.5.
4. (Amended) An easy open can end according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 3], wherein the centre panel lies below the level of the outer circumference of the end and the side wall, between the centre panel and said outer circumference, is inclined at an angle of between 20° and 60° to the plane of the end panel.
5. (Amended) An easy open can end according to [any one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, wherein the tear panel further comprises a bead which substantially follows the periphery of the score and the nose portion of the tab.